

2016 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS): Qualified Clinical Data Registry



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Agenda

- Overview of QCDR
- Resources & Where to Call for Help
- Questions & Answers

Physician Quality Reporting System

OVERVIEW OF QCDR

What Is a QCDR?

A **Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR)** is a reporting mechanism available for PQRS beginning in program year 2014.

For 2016, a **QCDR** is a CMS-approved entity that collects medical and/or clinical data for the purpose of patient and disease tracking to foster improvement in the quality of care provided to patients.

A **QCDR** is different from a qualified registry as its purpose must be improving quality of care beyond submitting data to CMS for PQRS. Also, **QCDRs** are not limited to measures within PQRS.



Source: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/Qualified-Clinical-Data-Registry-Reporting.html>

The Functions of a QCDR

A QCDR must perform the following functions:

1. Submit quality measures data or results to CMS

2. Submit to CMS quality measures data across multiple payers (not limited to Medicare)

3. Provide timely feedback at least 4 times per year

4. Possess benchmarking and risk adjustment capabilities

Program Requirements

- QCDRs are responsible for calculating and submitting quality measures data to CMS in the proper format(s) on behalf of the EP for the respective program year.
 - Reporting methods cannot be combined (i.e., QCDR & Registry).
- 2016 QCDR Qualified Posting
 - All 2016 QCDRs will be listed on a qualified posting document that will be posted on the CMS website this Spring.
- After data submission concludes, CMS will analyze the data submitted by QCDRs. Inaccurate or incomplete data could lead to CMS data validation and subsequent disqualification of the QCDR from future reporting .

Reporting Requirements

- Criteria to Avoid the 2018 PQRS Payment Adjustment:
 - Individual EPs
 - Report at least 9 individual measures covering at least 3 NQS domains for 50% or more of applicable patients for each EP (12 months)
 - Measures with a 0% performance rate will not be counted.
 - Must report 1 cross-cutting measure if EP has face-to-face encounters
 - If reporting via a **QCDR**, report on at least 2 outcome measures. If the QCDR does not have 2 outcome measures, then the **QCDR** must have and report at least 1 outcome measure and 1 of the following other types of measure: 1 resource use, OR patient experience of care, OR efficiency appropriate use, OR patient safety measure.*

* EPs participating via QCDR should work with their selected QCDR to determine how to participate.

Measure Requirements

- QCDRs may submit the PQRS measures
 - Individual registry measures,
 - Select measures that are only in measures groups (not IND measures) and report them individually
 - eCQM measures.
- QCDRs may **NOT** submit PQRS measures groups
 - Should a QCDR require its EPs to report on a cluster of measures similar to PQRS measures groups (criteria for measure groups would not apply), the measures within the measures group would count as separate, individual measures and the EP would need to report on at least 50% of his/her patients who are eligible for the given measure.

Measure Requirements (cont.)

- QCDRs may submit up to 30 non-PQRS measures
 - QCDRs must have all non-PQRS measures reviewed and approved by CMS for use in the PQRS.
 - Non-PQRS measures include:
 - Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS)
 - CAHPS Measures for PQRS are considered 3 measures covering 1 NQS Domain
 - National Quality Forum (NQF)-endorsed measures but not required.
 - Measures used by boards or specialty societies
 - Measures used in regional quality collaborations
 - PQRS measures with substantive changes

Reporting Requirements

- By **January 31, 2016**, QCDRs were required to declare a public reporting location.
 - The QCDR is required to declare if they plan to post data on their own website and allow Physician Compare to link to it or if they will provide data to CMS for public reporting on Physician Compare.
 - CMS may publicly report QCDR data (both PQRS and non-PQRS measures) at the individual EP and group practice level.
 - CMS will not publicly report any first year measures (measures that are being reported to PQRS for the first time).
 - CMS will review all data prior to public reporting to ensure that the non-PQRS measures included meet the same public reporting standards as the PQRS measures being publicly reported, and that PQRS measures reported via a QCDR are comparable to PQRS measures reported via other reporting mechanisms.
 - Only those measures deemed accurate, valid, reliable, and comparable will be publicly reported.
 - QCDRs are not required to also publicly report measures on their own websites if they have elected for measures to be publicly reported on Physician Compare.

Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) Reporting for 2015 QCDR: Selection

- To select a QCDR, refer to the **2016 Participating Qualified Clinical Data Registry** list on the [Qualified Clinical Data Registry Reporting page](#) of the [CMS PQRS website](#). This list Spring of 2016.

RESOURCES & WHERE TO CALL FOR HELP

Resources

- **CMS PQRS Website**
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS>
- **2016 PQRS Implementation Guide**
https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/Downloads/2016_PQRS_ImplementationGuide.pdf
- **2016 PQRS Individual Claims and Registry Measure Specification Documents**
https://www.cms.gov/apps/ama/license.asp?file=/PQRS/Downloads/2016_PQRS_IndMeasuresSpecs_ClaimsRegistry_022316.zip
- **2016 PQRS Measures List**
https://www.cms.gov/apps/ama/license.asp?file=/PQRS/Downloads/PQRS_2016_Measure_List_01072016.xlsx
- **PQRS Listserv**
https://public-dc2.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USCMS_520
- **2016 Qualified Clinical Data Registry Made Simple**
https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/Downloads/2016PQRS_QCDR_MadeSimple.pdf

Where to Call for Help

QualityNet Help Desk:

866-288-8912 (TTY 877-715-6222)

7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. CST M-F or qnetsupport@hcqis.org

You will be asked to provide basic information such as name, practice, address, phone, and e-mail

EHR Incentive Program Information Center:

888-734-6433 (TTY 888-734-6563)